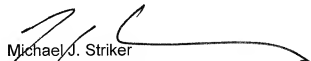


Applicant herewith elects for further prosecution Group I, Claims 1-17 and 20-21 drawn to a method for manufacturing a stator core including the step of plastically deforming in the axial direction, the annular lamination packet or core.

Although this election is without traverse it is nevertheless without prejudice to the right of the applicant to file one or more divisional applications for non-elected claims.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Striker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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